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SAN FRANCISCO, July 19 .- No sooner had the Sumner, with her troops, and cuit Court for his discharge as guardian the Californian, with her great cargo of Marian Comley Dowsett. He asserts of stores, sailed for the Orient, than that his ward has come of age and that the work of preparing more troopships he has closed up the business of his ward and animal transports was begun. The and is ready to turn over all the property Hancock was put on dry-dock yester- which has been in his custody. day. The work of cleaning and scraping her will be finished today. After taking on coal she will return to the transport dock and be realy for sea. The work of loading the big tramp Strathgyle will begin this morning. She has a capacity of 8,500 tons. She is to carry hay and grain and horses. The Aztec arrived yesterday from Nanaimo with coal. As soon as she is discharged

The transport Meade will sail on August 1st, carrying the remaining two battalions of the Fifteenth Infantry. The Hancock is to carry 500 marines and four battalions of artillery.

she will be prepared for a voyage to

Nagasaki. She will carry 462 horses to

The Hamburg-American line has the contract for carrying 5,000 horses that were bought here for Germany, but that company as yet has been unable to charter any vessels. The Pacific Mail Company declined to convert their steamers into horse transports. An attempt has been made to get some of Rosenfela's colliers, but the United States transport service had an option on those which could be spared from the coal carrying trade. In addition to makes pure blood, vigorous nerves-a this, Uncle Sam is the highest bidder, strong body. Hostetter's Stomach Bitand ship-owners are holding back to do business with their own Govern-

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the Orient from the Sound. The Navy Department is looking for sailing tonnage to carry coal to the Orient. There is plenty of coal in Japan, but of a kind of which the navy not particularly fond, It requires coal to develop Oregon speed in our boats in the Orient. There are plenty of coasters that can be pressed

SAN FRANCISCO, July 19-The Secretary of War is inquiring for vessels to take troops to China from San Francisco, Tacoma and Seattle within the next sixty days. He has sent urgent messages to the Northern Pacific Railroad, President J. J. Hill of the Great Northern Railway and to C. P. Huntington and J. C. Stubbs of the Southern Pacific and Pacific Mail.

Hill and his Great Northern Railway syndicate have seven or eight steamers running between the Orient and Seat-The Northern Pacific has four or five steamers in the Oriental trade. Huntington and Stubbs have at least six vessels available for the War De-

General Shafter is communicating with the above people on behalf of the Secretary of War. At a late hour last night Shafter wired to Washington that the Pacific Mail and Northern Pacific people could within a few days charter to the Government nine vessels. These

Pacific Mail-China, 1,350 troops; City of Peking, 1,200 troops; City of Sydney, .100 troops; Newport, 800 troops; City of Para, 750 troops. Northern Pacific—Glenogle, 900 troops; Tacoma, 800 troops; Victoria, 750 troops; Olympia. 930 troops.

The Northern Pacific Company sold

to the Government lately the steamer Columbia, which has been taking troops and supplies from Seattle to the Nome country. It is understood that this vessel will be used to take 800 troops to

All of the above vessels were chartered by the Government to take troops to Manila in 1898. The City of Peking took the First California Regiment to the Philippines in May, 1898. The Newport took General Merritt, General Otis went on the Para.

Officials in steamship and overland railroad circles have stated that the Government has made up its mind to send 10,000 troops to China via Pacific Coast ports. Most of the troops will go through San Francisco and Tacoma. Just what vessels will be chartered at Seattle from Hill's Great Northern Railway is not known yet. It is thought, however, that two steamers, having a capacity of 1,200 troops each, will be engaged. Most of the Hill steamers belong to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, or Japanese Steamship Company. The Japanese Government has called all of them in to take its troops to China via Taku and Tien-tsin. Hill has so notified Shafter and the Washington authorities.

If there is a lack of vessels at Seattle and Tacoma, it is a certainty that Uncle Sam can get an extra supply of steamers at this port. The coffee shipping season in Central America is about over, and on that account the Pacific Mail will be able to offer other vessels to the Government as transports.

While the Government is deeply concerned about transports from this coast it is at the same time dickering for freight and passenger rates from the East to this side of the continent. Three or four million dollars is involved in this matter, and various overland railroad officials are in com-munication with the War Department on the subject.

It is estimated that it will take twenty-five trains with an aggregate of 250 to this coast the 20,000 troops it is proposed to send to China. The artillery, equipment and supplies necessary for such a large body of men will require the services of many freight trains.

It is understood to be the purpose of the War Department to handle the equally between Puget Sound and this port. At the same time in its desire to expedite the movement of troops it will send most of them through San Francisco. The fact of the Presidio reservation being here emphasizes that

The various rallroad companies

across the continent have already reached an uncerstanding on that sub-

Thanks From Hawaiians

WASHINGTON, July 18 .- The President has received the following letter: HONOLULU, (H. I.), June 30 .- To His Excellency, William McKinley, President, and Congress of the United States of America-Greeting: We, the native Hawaiian citizens of the Territory of Hawaii send their greetings; they wish to express to you their appreciation and thanks for the liberal laws which Congress has enacted for the Territory of Hawaii and which your Excellency has approved on the 30th day of April last.

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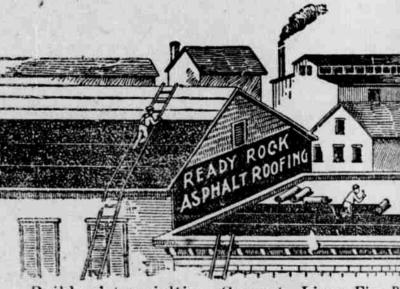
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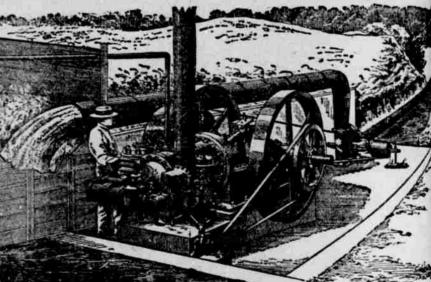


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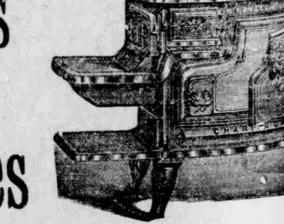
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